



STEPHEN M. LINSKY – WARD 2 ALDERMAN

FALL 2012 CONSTITUENT UPDATE

Hello Everyone:

As always, it's my pleasure to be able to report to you on my service this past year as your ward representative on the Board of Aldermen. In addition to issuing annual reports and publishing notices in the Newton TAB, I periodically post constituent updates on the city's website at: <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/members/ward2/linsky.asp>. I also hold a monthly constituent office hour the first Friday of every month at the Senior Center at 345 Walnut Street.

Newton North Area Parking Plan

Work on a comprehensive parking plan for the neighborhoods surrounding Newton North is expected to be completed this fall in time for the spring semester when the greatest impact is typically experienced. A public hearing will be held before any plan is approved by the Board. The plan and minutes from prior meetings can be accessed at: <http://newtonma.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=45210>. Please attend and/or forward any comments or suggestions.

Austin Street and Newtonville Village Center Revitalization

It is anticipated that after the Board approves a rezoning of the Austin Street lot this fall, the city will publicly disseminate a Request for Proposals (RFP). Earlier this year, the Board approved the surplusing of the site subject to a number of conditions, including the retention of a minimum of 85 public parking spaces as well as re-paving developer monies back into the site and surrounding environs, resulting in a unique benefit for the Newtonville community. It's expected that bids will be received before year's end 2012 also saw the birth of Beautiful Newtonville, uniting residents, business and property owners dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of our village center. <http://beautifulnewtonville.org>.

Community Skating Rink

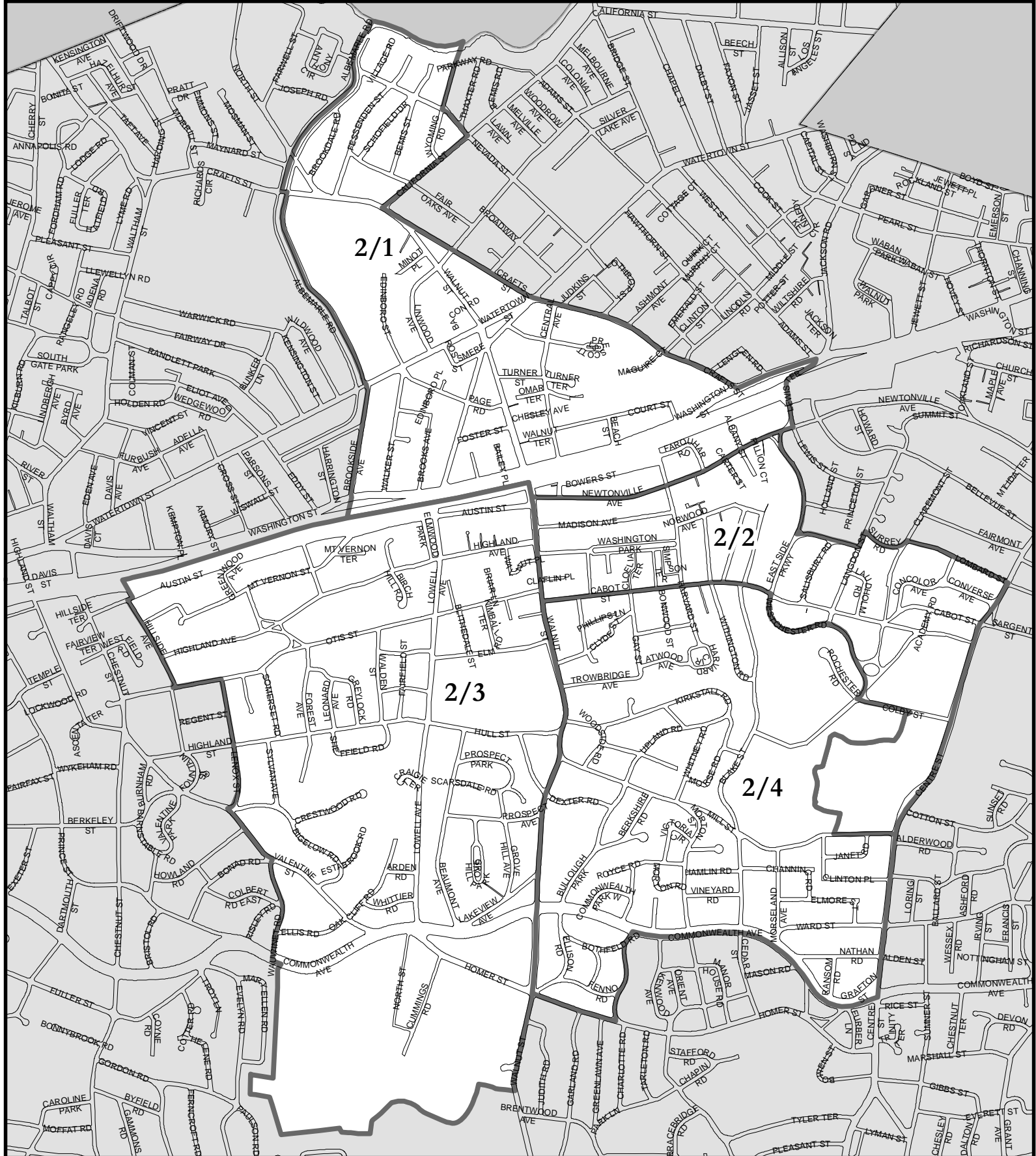
Another citizen initiated effort involved the construction of a community skating rink at Albemarle field. Special thanks to Emily Norton, Ken Brown, Stephen Mastromattei and many others, whose Herculean efforts, despite the record warm winter, resulted in a beautiful rink. See: www.newtonvilleicerink.org

Elementary and Middle School Building Upgrades

With the completion of Newton North, attention has turned to other school buildings requiring significant upgrades. This year, the Day Middle School project will improve lab, classroom, cafeteria and administrative space as well as the main entrance. While modular units have been used to address space concerns at both Horace Mann and Cabot, the primary buildings require significant work, particularly given Cabot's age. Cabot ranks second in need. While we continue to advocate for moving ahead with a Cabot project, it will likely require some form of override – which I would favor.

Redistricted Voting Sites for the 2012 Election

On the reverse side, I have reproduced the newly re-districted ward map. Since there are some changes in voting sites, you can confirm where you vote at: <http://apps.newtonma.gov/WPIInternet/index.asp>



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City of Newton, Massachusetts



Map Date: August 17 2012